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SUBJ: BFR: LINKAGE BETWEEN PHASES: NAC GUIDANCE ON ASSURANCES

REF: A) USNATO 3666; B) STATE 143505; C) USNATO 2639

BEGIN SUMMARY: NAC ON JULY 3 APPROVED SPC DRAFT GUIDANCE (REF A) TO AHG ON ASSURANCES TO EAST REGARDING REDUCTIONS IN SECOND PHASE BY ALL NON-U.S. WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. NAC EMBARGOED USE OF THIS GUIDANCE BY AHG UNTIL 1800 JULY 4. END SUMMARY

1. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) PROPOSED INSERTION, AFTER "SATISFACTORY FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT" (PARA 2, REF A), OF "INCLUDING THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT." BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS) SUPPORTED THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL. DE STAERCKE AND BUWALD BOTH WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT HAD TO INCLUDE THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT.

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RUMSFELD (U.S) POINTED OUT THAT THIS GUIDANCE CONSTITUTED SECTION IV OF PREVIOUS NAC GUIDANCE ON LINKAGE (REF C). THE INTRODUCTION TO THAT DOCUMENT MADE CLEAR THAT ALL POINTS WERE CONTINGENT ON REACHING A SATISFACTORY FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT

INCLUDING THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT. HE SAID THE POINT WAS THEREFORE COVERED AND SAW NO REASON FOR INTRODUCING IT INTO SECTION IV AS WELL. DE STAERCKE WITHDREW HIS PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS THAT THE DISCUSSION REFLECTED NO REAL DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT.

2. KRAPF (FRG) STATED HIS AUTHORITIES WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE SPC DRAFT GUIDANCE SINCE THERE MAY BE A TACTICAL NECESSITY TO INTRODUCE IT DURING THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING SESSION. HOWEVER, HIS AUTHORITIES WANTED TO STRESS THAT THE COMMITMENT SHOULD NOT BE PART OF THE FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT AND THAT THE COMMITMENT MUST HAVE A COLLECTIVE CHARACTER. INTEGRATION OF THE COMMITMENT INTO THE FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT WOULD BRING THE ALLIES CLOSE TO THE EASTERN POSITION THAT ALL MUST AGREE ON REDUCTIONS FROM THE BEGINNING.

3. DE STAERCKE THOUGHT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S BRIEFING OF THE NAC ON JULY 4 MIGHT CONCEIVABLY AFFECT THE DRAFT GUIDANCE. HE THEREFORE SUGGESTED DEFERRING TRANSMISSION OF THE GUIDANCE TO THE AHG UNTIL AFTER THE SECRETARY'S BRIEFING. RUMSFELD SAID HE DID NOT CONSIDER SUCH A DELAY NECESSARY.

4. SYG LUNS NOTED APPROVAL BY THE NAC OF THE SPC DRAFT GUIDANCE WITHOUT CHANGE. HE PROPOSED TO TRANSMIT IT TO HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN VIENNA FORTHWITH WITH A TEMPORARY EMBARGO ON ITS USE. THIS WAS AGREED. INTERNATIONAL STAFF INFORMS US THE EMBARGO IS UNTIL 1800 JULY 4.
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